GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4024
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MISUSE OF RAF INSIGNIA
Bhargav Shri Girdhari Lal

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has received any complaint from the Central Reserve Police Force on the misuse of the Rapid Action Force (RAF) insignia by State police forces while deploying its Special Armed Police Squads to check violence and terrorism;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS(DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b): CRPF has informed that Specialised Armed Police wing of Kolkata Police has been seen using insignia and uniform similar to that of the RAF.

(c): CRPF has taken up the issue with Commissioner of Police Kolkata (WB) inviting attention to the directives of Ministry of Home Affairs dated 14.2.1997 regarding use of name of RAF and its uniform by State Police Forces and has requested them to make suitable changes.